



THINK ABOUT IT...

THE POWER OF YOUTH

NOYS YOUTH CELEBRATE NEW YEARS SAFELY!

The National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) youth representatives developed a special guide for youth to use while planning special celebrations. Any youth group planning to celebrate and expecting to do so in a substance-free environment can order this planner; Make Your Parties Rock... Substance Free, from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The kit has been adapted for use by SADD chapters in their **Think About It...** campaign. SADD is one of more than forty national youth-member and youth-serving organizations that meet regularly to collaborate on national efforts to reduce youth involvement in traffic crashes.

This planner, ordering information and additional ideas for celebrating New Year's Eve safely can be

found on the NOYS web site, www.noys.org. The more than forty member organizations are also available for advice and additional resources through links on the web site and through e-mail messages to the NOYS web master.

Empowering youth to be a part of the process and the solution, not a part of the problem, is one of the goals of the NOYS coalition. Through leadership training, the development of tools and other resources, and speaking out as advocates for traffic safety issues, NOYS involves youth in all aspects of planning and development. A tool kit for youth advocacy, Speak Out and Make NOYS, also developed by NOYS youth, can help youth groups understand the most effective and efficient methods for conducting health and safety efforts. This tool kit is also available to order or download through either the NHTSA (www.nhtsa.dot.gov) or the NOYS web sites (www.noys.org).

